

BUBBLE HAS BURST.

CHADWICK MYSTERY OF MILLIONS ENDED.

In Bank's Strong Box Carnegie Name Is Found on Paper of the Face Value of \$10,490,000—Signature Is Declared a Forgery.

The Chadwick bubble has burst completely. In the history of financial frauds it will form a part of the chain of wreckage that have shown the path of covetousness since the notation of the great Mississippi Company by John Law of Scotland and France.

Mrs. Chadwick's mysterious securities, when exposed to the light of day, instead of being worth millions of dollars, were found to be nothing but so many sheets of worthless paper.

Cleveland attorneys declare that it was the evident purpose of Mrs. Chadwick to borrow as large a fortune as possible on the notes signed "Andrew Carnegie," evidently forgeries, expecting that before the exposure came the steel magnate would die. She was sure, according to this theory, that a settlement with his heirs would be a very easy matter.

The bubble was pricked when A. A. Stearns, the Cleveland attorney for Herbert D. Newton, of Boston, the creditor primarily responsible for bringing the meteoric career of Mrs. Chadwick to an end, made an authoritative statement that the mysterious package of securities, left with Irl Reynolds included papers of the face value of \$10,490,000, which bears the signature "Andrew Carnegie," and is regarded as worthless.

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house keepers also have been bankrupted by the failure.

Coincidence with the examination of the package of securities the Federal authorities got busy with the organization of the special grand jury called to investigate the Chadwick case.

The basis for the system that has wrought havoc to an extent yet unknown, for the stories of ruined houses through loss of savings are only beginning to come in, is now shown to be strikingly akin to that by which the bankers of France were defrauded of millions in the Humbert case, which is of such recent memory as to be almost contemporaneous history. Mrs. Chadwick's inheritance seems to be as mythical and her benefactor as fictitious as the inheritance from the imaginary American millionaire that was supposed to be in Mrs. Humbert's safe.

That Dr. Leroy S. Chadwick, now in Europe, was in the plot with his wife to borrow vast sums on bogus securities in the assertion of Irl Reynolds, treasurer of the Wade Park bank, trustee for the mysterious package of Chadwick "securities." Dr. Chadwick, he asserts, also knew about a trust agreement, bearing the name of Andrew Carnegie, deposited with Reynolds, asserting that Mr. Carnegie held securities worth \$10,490,000 belonging to Mrs. Chadwick.

It is now said that although the notes bearing Carnegie's name were forged Mrs. Chadwick cannot be prosecuted for forgery, as she did not attempt to sell the notes.

A Dazzling Chapter.
It was in 1897 that Dr. Leroy Chadwick, a widower of no especial prominence and having a small practice in his profession, brought a bride to his native city of Cleveland. They had been married in Pittsburgh. She was fair of face, a trifle over 40, and possessed of a magnetic manner. Still she attracted no attention until she

was introduced to the iron master, and the other \$10,490,000 is represented by a trust agreement

"FRENZIED FINANCE" IN OHIO.



THE COTTON SLUMP.

Far-Reaching Effect on This Branch of Great Textile Industry.

The cotton branch of the great textile industry—the next largest engaged in manufacture in the country, being outranked only by iron and steel—is paralyzed by the tremendous slump in the price of raw material. The buying of cotton goods is practically at a standstill, and salesmen representing the large commission houses of this and other cities are being pulled off the road. Jobbers and converters will not buy cotton goods, and commission merchants are loath to buy raw cotton, owing to their inability to sell. Gradually the swiftly moving wheels of industry, always interdependent, are coming to a halt, and in consequence of this condition.

The slump is due directly to the slump in the price of raw cotton from 10 1/2 cents to 7 1/2 cents a pound during a busy interval. It was made complete by the government's report on the cotton harvest, indicating a harvest of 12,102,700 bales of the staple, or nearly 1,000,000 bales in excess of the greatest crop ever garnered in the country. Much cotton had been sold to manufacturers around 10 cents a pound; now the prospect is for still lower prices even than 7 1/2 cents. Commission merchants and mills had adjusted their selling price to the high price of cotton; now buyers of cotton goods are unwilling to buy the finished goods on that basis; they wait for lower prices. Hence the stopping of business and the paralysis of a great industry.

There are dealers who express the belief that cotton would swing on the down turn far below its intrinsic value, in reverse to the movement which carried it up to 17 1/2 cents a pound. These men, chiefly buyers for jobbing and manufacturing houses, profess to believe that cotton would eventually touch 5 cents a pound.

For two years little business has been done because of the high price of raw cotton; and now there can be no business done because it is too low or likely to be.

In the first instance mills were closed because goods could not be sold at a price high enough to pay the manufacturers; and now, on a falling market, jobbers and converters are frightened into inactivity.

LATEN BY OLD OCEAN.

Changes Going on Everywhere Along the Line of the Sea Coast.

M. Cheval, secretary of the Tourist Geographical Society, said the other day in an address to the society that the latest surveys of the French coast had shown that within the last few years the republic had lost about five square miles of territory, which had been torn to pieces and washed into the sea by ocean storms. The loss of land would have been considerably greater if it had not been that the destructive waves had carried part of the debris into bays like that of Mont Saint Michel and into estuaries like that of the Somme and piled it up along the shores, extending the land a little further out into the sea.

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The Comic Side of The News

You can fool some of the Ohio bankers some of the time, anyway.

It should be noted that the sands of leap year are sliding fast.

Certainly there is no lack of work laid out for "the Congress" to do.

Any one whose children are crying for old junk should call up St. Louis.

They now know how the rank and file of his army have felt ever since.

Frenzied finance seems to have attracted a number of the weaker sex here and there.

Mrs. Chadwick may have thought she was furthering Mr. Carnegie's ambition to the poor.

Tom Lawson of Boston begs to call attention to the fact that the panic came off as advertised.

St. Louis has had its fun. The rest of the entertainment consists principally of the headache.

Though the President saw fit to ignore it, the high tariff can hardly feel that it is out of the woods.

Uncle Sam's next great reform will be conducted under the rallying cry, "Help keep the Cubans clean!"

St. Petersburg thinks the situation at Port Arthur is critical, but hasn't it been that way for six months?

It is a good thing there are no more Mrs. Chadwicks, or suckers would have to be burned oftener than one a minute.

Now that the original "Katy" girl has been used for divorce the conductor may issue her a transfer to some other line.

If the law of supply and demand is still working there should also be a sharp decline in infant wool on Wall street.

Another great reform has had its inception in Chicago. A police magistrate fined a man \$75 for "borrowing" an umbrella.

Private Secretary Laeb cannot deny, however, that the President's family did things to that turkey some time on Thanksgiving day.

A small and rapidly diminishing aggregation of army mules is about the best Port Arthur can hope to do in the way of a live stock show.

Another attractive feature which Gen. Miles sees about that Massachusetts military job is that there will be no official War Department around to bother him.

An insane woman won the prize by working a rebus for an eastern magazine. This is not strange, as only insane people have the patience to work such things out.

ANOTHER IRISH FAMINE.

Fallures of Potato Crop Cause Great Suffering in Western Isles.

Immigrants who arrived recently in New York from Ireland bring news of terrible privations and want now being suffered by the small farmers in the Emerald Isle. During last week 2,000 persons, fleeing from the famine-stricken counties of western Ireland, have entered the metropolis. Stories of hardships told by the immigrants who land at Ellis Island.

The agent for the Irish Immigration Society, who has just returned from Ireland, thus explains the conditions there: "The poor of Ireland live on unproductive bog land, over which they work night and day to produce food and keep shelter over their heads. The ground will not permit a living and a saving, too. When crops are good they can live; but when a crop fails they must starve."

AN UNUSUAL OPERATION.

Surgeon Graft Live Rabbit to Leg of Battered Boy.

Very unusual was the operation performed on Cornelius Post, a 15-year-old boy, a few days ago, when surgeons at St. Mary's hospital, Kansas, N. J., grafted on a 15-inch wound caused by a burn a portion of the skin of a live rabbit which was chloroformed and bound to his leg. Anesthetics had been refused by the plucky lad who, for three-quarters of an hour, underwent the severe pain without flinching.

Two years ago Cornelius Post carried dinner to his father, who worked in the Consumers' Match factory, at Clifton. In some way he obtained a piece of phosphorus and put it in his pocket. It burned through to his skin. The boy has undergone several skin grafting operations, some of which have been successful, and the burn is much smaller than it was, but all efforts to heal it have proved futile, and it was finally decided to resort to an operation as rare as it has been previously attempted with success, only three times.

The burn is on the left leg, just below the hip, and is about 15 inches long and six inches wide. The half-formed and granulated tissue was scraped down to the muscle, the boy suffering terrible pain but only now and then giving vent to his feelings with such expressions as "Doctor, please be careful."

The skin of the rabbit was then clipped parallel with its spine from its tail to its neck, three inches wide and sixteen inches long, the strip remaining attached to the animal on the neck. The rabbit was chosen because of the elasticity of its skin, and when the strip was clipped off the edge of the skin on its back were drawn together and stitched.

The animal was then placed under the boy's leg, its back at right angles, and the flap of skin was carefully placed over the burned spot. For many days the boy will be constantly attended by a nurse.

UP-TO-DATE BLACKMAILING.

Organized Band Demands \$100,000 from Canadian Railroads.

A well-organized band of audacious blackmailers has, for several months past, been trying to coerce the stockholders of the Canadian Pacific and the Canadian Northern railroads into paying \$100,000, or suffering the penalty of a series of wrecks. That the latter is not an idle threat is shown by the fact that within three weeks eighteen attempts to wreck through passenger trains at widely separated points on both roads have occurred.

J. G. Barry, general superintendent of the Canadian Pacific, received in August a threatening letter demanding \$50,000 from his road and \$50,000 from the Canadian Northern. He paid no attention to the letters save to place detectives on all trains. Toward the close of that month another letter was received and then a third.

The letters all demanded that the company show white instead of green markers on the through trains to indicate that negotiations will be begun. No attention was paid to the demand, and within the last month another letter was received from the blackmailers, threatening that if the demand was not met they would begin a series of wrecks.

The land is believed to be very expert, and those who have done the actual work are thoroughly versed in railroad knowledge. It is now thought that the accident in which Lord Minto's train ran into an open switch, killing five persons, was one of the first moves of the band.

The agent for the railroads says that the opening of the switch could not have been an accident.

There have been two train hold-ups in western Canada and scores of bank and other robberies, all of which are attributed to the unsuccessful blackmailers of the railroads. The Canadian and American police and the Canadian secret service are in constant communication concerning the robberies.

OUR GREATEST FARM INDUSTRY.

Live Stock Business Leads Any Other by More than \$1,000,000,000.

It may be news to the average small farmer that the live stock farms of the United States, considering all the farm property in and on the farms, exceeds in value any other one class of farm investment by more than \$1,000,000,000. One billion in itself is a phrase of tremendous import. When it is considered as a mere excess of figures marking the close of one farming industry over another, the reader begins to appreciate just what the farming industry in this country may mean.

Hay and grain are tremendous factors in the welfare of the country. Taking the census returns of 1900 as a conservative and accurate basis for comparison, the value of the farm property invested in the 1,310,850 hay and grain farms of the United States was \$3,379,048,541. But on the other hand the 1,564,714 farms devoted to live stock showed a total valuation of \$7,505,284,275, ranking the one great classification by \$4,126,235,734, and exceeding the valuation of "king cotton" and its lands by more than \$3,000,000,000. And to lead still greater emphasis to these figures for live stock in the United States is to be hay and grain lands average \$33.34 to the acre, the live stock farms show \$21.14, and the cotton lands \$12.36 to the acre. The average stock farm had 226.9 acres, the hay and grain farm had 156.3 acres, and the cotton farm had 83.6 acres. Aside from the specific classification mentioned above, only the dairy farms interest of the country, totaling the billion mark in valuation, exceeding the cotton industry by \$500,000,000.

In a strict sense the dairy interests of the country belong to the live stock totals of the United States. If these farms and valuations should be taken together their totals would show \$3,322,592 farms, valued at \$9,188,751,575, and produced in the year of 1903 a total of \$2,030,089,592, of which the strictly live stock farms produced the overwhelming proportion of \$1,454,133,912. Compared to this strictly live stock production for that year, the hay and grain farms of the country fell short of it by \$410,000,000.

READY TO WRECK THE FAIR.

Contract for Expedition Property Is Signed by Chicago Concern.

The contract for the sale of the property offered by the St. Louis World's Fair Company to a Chicago wrecking company for \$450,000 was signed the other day and the first payment of \$100,000 made. The remaining \$350,000 is to be paid in installments. The wrecking of the buildings will begin immediately. The horticultural palace will be the first.

A few of the statistics of what the wreckage contains will give an idea of what the ruins are, reduced to details. Here are some samples:

Lumber, feet.....100,000,000
Bathes, square feet.....2,000,000
Scaffolding, square feet.....10,000
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Roofing, square feet.....3,000,000
Wall paper, square feet.....4,000,000
Closets.....1,700
Wash stands.....1,700
Bath tubs.....300
Pipings, miles.....500
Valves and fittings, feet.....400,000
Incandescent lights.....500,000
Lamp fixtures.....600,000
Rubber hose, feet.....100,000

The wreckage also includes \$1,000,000 worth of electrical apparatus, \$60,000 worth of copper wire, the \$150,000 Ferris wheel, three complete greenhouses, a complete street railway system, fire department, two hospitals, State buildings and furnishings, while the equipment of the Jefferson guards is complete enough to fit out a South American revolution. It will take many years to scatter this mass.

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MRS. CASSIE I. CHADWICK.

concerning an alleged inheritance placed in Mr. Carnegie's keeping, the estate of a supposed uncle of Mrs. Chadwick, named Frederick R. Mason.

In another packet there also is a promissory note for \$1,800, signed by Emily and Daniel Pine, and a mortgage securing the same. This Carnegie paper with the \$1,250,000 in notes bearing the iron master's name previously accounted for bringing the total of this class of "securities" to \$16,490,000.

With the denouement concerning the securities there comes the story of ruin wrought by Mrs. Chadwick's operations and the consequent failure of the Citizens' National Bank of Oberlin. Irl Reynolds, it is declared, is a sufferer financially as well as otherwise through being the prize dupe of the case. The faithful guardian of the securities on which the Chadwick financial system was based for three years or so, it is stated, let Mrs. Chadwick have nearly all the money he possessed, but his entanglements are personal and do not involve the Wade Park Banking Company, of which he is secretary and treasurer.

It is among those of meager circumstances, however, that the greatest real suffering falls. From Oberlin it is reported that the student body of the college located there has been hard hit. At least fifty students had their savings on deposit in the Citizens' National Bank, and these have been wiped out. Many of these students, some of whom are in their senior year, will be obliged to leave their college course uncompleted as a result of losing all. Several student board-

and her husband moved into a mansion on Euclid avenue and began to show evidences of enormous wealth. Entertainments were given at the house costing thousands of dollars. The stores of the city began to consider her their best customer, for she bought in large amounts and always paid cash. On a Christmas eve she invited her husband to go to the theater. Before leaving the house she had a talk over the telephone with a furnishings house. When Dr. Chadwick returned home with her the interior of the house had been completely transformed in equipment, as though some fairy godmother had waved her magic wand over it. Not a piece of furniture, not a hanging rug, picture, ornament, not a single thing that had formerly been there remained. Everything was new.

Some time ago she took twelve young ladies out of Cleveland society on a trip abroad. When they returned she had a miniature on porcelain of each one. These she had framed in 18-carat gold and presented to the young ladies as souvenirs. One of her favorite pastimes was to walk into a store and ask to be shown diamond rings. She would buy half the contents of a tray—enough to pay the rent of a castle. Once she sent a Toronto jeweler abroad to buy a certain gem for her and he traveled 12,400 miles to get it, she paying his expenses and \$3,000 for the gem. She bought fifty-six rings of one firm. One day she purchased eight pianos and had them sent to friends. She gave her cook a seal skin coat which reached to the ground.

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KILLS GIRL AND SELF.

DOUBLE TRAGEDY IN MINNEAPOLIS STREET.

Dead Crime Is Attributed to Insanity Caused by Incompleteness of Paul Kruger Is Held at Pretrial—Bones Offered for Burial.

Driven insane by insomnia, Frederick B. Richmond, formerly assistant city clerk, and salesman for a large Minneapolis grain firm, shot and killed his daughter, Miss Christine Richmond, and then committed suicide on the steps of the Church of the Redeemer. The double tragedy threw into a panic the throngs of holiday shoppers that filled the street. Miss Christine, who was employed as a manager in a downtown department store, was returning to her work when Richmond joined her. They seemed in the best of spirits, according to friends who passed them. When in front of the church Richmond drew a revolver from his coat pocket and, without warning, fired. Miss Christine threw up her arms and fell. Richmond then turned and fired twice more. Then he waved his arms at those who came running to the scene. Before any could disarm him he had fired a bullet into his brain, falling beside the body of his victim, dead. The wedding of Miss Christine and Richmond was put off several times because of his ill health. Of late he was unable to sleep and complained of suffering tortures. His friends are convinced he was unbalanced mentally.

KRUGER NOW RESTS IN AFRICA.

Funeral of Former Transvaal President Held in Pretoria.

Two thousand people attended an impressive service at Pretoria prior to the burial of the body of former President Kruger. Bitter and men of the veldt mingling on the friendliest terms. Speeches of eulogy were delivered by Generals Louis Botha, Schalk Burger and Christiaan De Wet. General Botha read a letter from Mr. Kruger exhorting them to preserve the peace and unity of the nation. The funeral procession was composed of fully 1,200 persons, while the route through which it passed was thronged. Flags were half-masted, bells tolled and minute guns fired. Mr. Kruger was laid beside his wife. By the king's special request a salute of 21 guns was fired as the coffin was lowered.

Bones for Babies.

The Shawnee County (Kansas) Commissioners are doing all in their power to discourage baby suicide. They have adopted a rule giving each county employee whose family is reduced by the birth of a baby an addition to salary of \$5 a month. The commissioners have even gone so far as to offer a raise of \$10 a month in case the employee adds twins to the family circle.

Many Sheep Killed.

Six thousand head of sheep slaughtered of an approximate value of \$20,000, without a single indictment from the grand jury, is the record of the past season in central Oregon. At different times in the past the cattle interests have been accused of having an organization which has been responsible for these depredations.

Rebates a State Issue.

Discovery by the Wisconsin railroad commission that more than \$4,000,000 has been paid in rebates to shippers by the railroads during the last seven years has brought the issue of State and national supervision of rates before the Legislature, where the question will be fought out.

Shaw Is to Stay.

Ledlie M. Shaw, Secretary of the Treasury, will be invited by President Roosevelt to remain in the cabinet after the 4th of March. It is understood that similar invitations have been or will be extended to Mr. Hittelman, Secretary of the Interior, and Mr. Wilson, Secretary of Agriculture.

Our Foreign Commerce.

Foreign commerce of the United States for the calendar year 1913, it is estimated, has shown a slight falling off in exports. The total of exports and imports combined may exceed \$1,000,000,000 for the first time in the nation's history.

Growth in Religious Bodies.

Nearly all religious sects report larger percentage of increase in membership than to previous years, and in several of them the ratio of growth exceeds the ratio of increase in population.

Mormon Defers Senate.

A Mormon official in the Smoot inquiry defied the Senate committee by saying he would not produce the church records if demanded without the sanction of his church chief.

Subscription for Unemployed.

Subscriptions are being taken up throughout England to care for the unemployed. The London Trust started by repatriates has reached \$100,000.

Want Duty on Lumber.

Lumbermen of British Columbia will make a strong demand on the Canadian parliament for a duty on lumber imports from the United States.

City Like a Sepulchre.

A refugee from Port Arthur describes the city as all desolation and likens it to a sepulchre.

Visitors Are Barred.

No more visitors for Mrs. Cassie L. Chidwick, champion laborer of the age, is the order of the United States court to the authorities at the Cleveland jail in which she is held a prisoner.

Chicken Cause Fatale Fight.

Because John Davis' chickens scratched up Mayor McCall's front garden the two men have been shown due in the streets at Chicago Point. La., resulting in the serious wounding of Davis and instant killing of his 2-year-old child by a stray shot.

Fighting Was Frenzied.

Commander Mianoff, who escaped from Port Arthur to Chofu, declared that the attack which resulted in the capture of 208-Meter Hill was the most desperate of the siege and was marked by such deeds that heroism became commonplace.

To Make Long Tow.

For the first time in marine history, the Standard Oil Company has undertaken the task of towing a laden barge from New York to San Francisco, a distance of 3,500 miles. If the experiment is successful the action will be extended to European ports.

LAST KILLS FIVE.

Explosion in Engine Room of the Mass. schooner Canine a Spania.

Five out of six men at work in the engine room of the Massachusetts schooner Canine a Spania were killed by an explosion. Three of them were instantly killed, the other two, hauled in by the closing of the automatic doors, were scalded to death. Lieut. Cole, chief engineer, was badly scalded, but will recover. The Massachusetts was laid up in League Island navy yard, Philadelphia, for minor repairs and two mechanics were at work under the supervision of Lieut. Cole. A gasket blew out without warning, carrying a heavy manhole cover across the room. Three men, being directly in line with the explosion, were blown against the bulkhead and crushed to death. Two others were knocked down. The delicate boiler automatic doors, disturbed by the explosion, swung shut, trapping the dead and injured. Adoro and Wilson, unable to help themselves, were boiled to death in the volume of steam and water that spouted out of the boiler. Lieut. Cole, who happened to be near one of the doors, stepped in the darkness and coasting of machinery upon which he clung to escape the boiling water that covered the floor. Above the terrific noise Lieut. Cole heard the shrieks of Adoro and Wilson as they were slowly cooked. All he could do was wait for rescuers to come and open the doors from the outside. To have gone down on the floor would have been suicide, and his own injuries were rapidly weakening him. The shock of the explosion knocked the ship at her moorings and had the effect of driving the crew to quarters. For a moment it was thought that the Massachusetts had been blown up. Then came a burst of steam and smoke up the companion ways, and the officers and crew on deck that something had happened below.

WIDOW OF HARRISON WINS SUIT.

Son and Daughter of Former President Lost Contest.

The fight of Russell H. Harrison and his sister, Mrs. Mary Harrison McKee, to prevent Mrs. Mary Lord Harrison, widow of the deceased President, from drawing interest on an amount in excess of \$100,000 trust fund provided for in the will of President Harrison, was decided in the U. S. circuit court at Indianapolis when Judge Allen of the circuit court, to whom the case had been appealed, decided all points in favor of the widow. Russell Harrison and Mrs. McKee are heirs of the residuary estate, and as such contended that the stocks and securities in the widow's trust fund were worth \$140,000 instead of \$120,000, and that it was the duty of the trustee to reduce the fund to meet the conditions of the will and return \$100,000 to the residuary estate. They contended that the trustee was depleting the residuary estate and injuriously affecting them as heirs by making the fund larger than provided for by the will. The court ruled that the trustee had not exceeded the instructions of the will.

NEW FLOWER WILL NOT FADE.

Barbark, the Plant Wizard, Evokes an Australian Flower.

Barbark, the Plant Wizard, has developed a new flower, which he calls the "Australian star flower," and which will not fade or lose its fragrance. He calls it the "Australian star flower," and which is produced in large clusters. The full-grown plants are about one foot high and of the same width. Barbark has a cluster of the blossoms which have remained unchanged for a year. These real flowers bid fair to work a revolution in millinery, as they are far more pleasing than artificial blossoms.

Carnegie Urges Patience.

Andrew Carnegie, in an address read before the National Civic Federation, urged upon employers and employees patience, patience and patience, a cure for industrial strife, and said putting an end to strikes and lockouts should be the first aim of the organization. August Belmont was elected president to succeed M. A. Hann.

Prison for Former Broker.

Charles A. Seidler was sentenced in Akron, Ohio, to serve eighteen months in the penitentiary for obtaining \$5,000 from the Second National Bank two years ago by false pretenses. Seidler was captured in San Francisco last summer after his return from South America. He was a prominent Akron broker.

Greets by Mob.

Mrs. Chidwick was greeted by a hostile mob on her arrival in Cleveland and collapsed in her cell in jail after running a gauntlet of insults and threats. More indictments are found against her and she says she will not accept bail, though she tells of an offer of aid.

To Settle Railroad Problem.

It is said that Secretary Morton has President Roosevelt's consent to promote a plan for settling the railroad problem which provides for legalized pooling, a court of interstate commerce, with the power to adjust all disputes, rates, and the prohibition by law of private freight cars, sidetracks and terminals.

Signs Pact With Italy.

A treaty of arbitration between Italy and the United States has been signed at the State Department in Washington by Secretary of State Taft, Italian ambassador, and Secretary Hay. The treaty is identical with other arbitration treaties signed by this country.

Prevents Train Robbery.

An attempt of four masked and armed men to hold up the Spokane flyer on the Oregon Railroad and Navigation Company's line just outside of Portland, Ore., was prevented by Bert Yetter, who was returning from a hunting trip.

John Toppan Starves Himself.

Convinced that an attempt is being made to kill him, John Toppan, the nurse who admitted she poisoned thirty-nine persons, is slowly starving herself to death in the Tasman, Maine, Insane Asylum, to which a court committed her for life.

Ames Is in Disfavor.

The jury in the federal trial of former Mayor Ames of Minneapolis for bribery has found Ames guilty and fined him \$10,000. The jury has also found Ames guilty of conspiracy to defraud the city of Minneapolis.

Hig Coal Train Barred.

In Buffalo, N. Y., the immense coal train of the Buffalo Creek railroad at Tift farm on the southern city limits were discovered to be on fire and were destroyed.

Patagonia Not Yet Head.

Mrs. Fred Ellis, former plural wife of Abraham Cannon, testified before the Smoot committee that Cannon, one of the twelve Mormon apostles, married a fourth plural wife against her protest.

Will Not Accept Diplomacy.

Because of the charges of bribery and fraud in the awards, representatives of States and individual exhibitors have refused to accept the results of the exposition.

GREAT LOSS BY FIRE.

MINNEAPOLIS DEVASTATED BY FIRES.

Part of Business Section Is Destroyed—Property Worth \$700,000 Gone Up in Smoke and Three Men Are Killed—Big Stores Ruined.

Three killed and property valued at \$700,000 destroyed is the result of a disastrous fire which for nearly six hours threatened the destruction of the entire business portion of Minneapolis Tuesday night and early Wednesday morning. The entire fire department of the city, assisted by relief companies from St. Paul, hastened to the scene of the burning, which were fanned by a brisk northwesterly wind, until 4 o'clock before the fire was placed under control. The fire started in the photographic supply house of O. H. Peck & Co., on 5th street and 1st avenue south, and in less than one-half hour this building was a mass of wreckage. Next to the Peck building is the furniture supply house of Boutelle Brothers, the largest house of its kind in the Northwest. Sparks caused other fires, and the burning soon caught fire, and spread from the cold north wind, causing several small fires throughout the city. Firemen of Minneapolis and St. Paul paid no attention to the burning buildings but gave all their efforts toward saving property within the block by throwing water on the adjoining property. Boutelle Brothers and Peck's stores are total wrecks, and though the Powers Mercantile store was saved from the flames it was damaged to the extent of a million or more by water. Every electric light in the city was burned out and the dense smoke greatly hampered the firemen in their work. One man was killed by the burning of a building, which was the cause of the fire. It is reported that many others have been injured by wires. In the front of the burning Boutelle Brothers building there stood a street car totally demolished by a fallen electric line pole, from which several live wires were burned.

QUESTS CUPID FROM SCHOOL.

Sweeping Edict by Omaha Educational Board.

Cupid has been routed from the Omaha high school and no more spooning will be permitted among the scholars. The edict has gone forth from the school officials that in future there shall be no courting on the grounds or in the building, and even tender glances are tabooed. The edict came after fifteen days of arguments had been reported among the students and no numerous were the edicts were issued. It has become the fashion in the school for each young woman to have her attendant swing, and from the number of couples who are found in out-of-the-way corners, it became evident that the justness of the edict was being tested. The students are indignant over the turn of affairs and say that, not content with the order, a system of espionage has been established and that one of the teachers has been given instructions to keep an eye on every student and all young ladies and gentlemen who are caught in the act of courting are to be expelled from the school.

SAY SOUTH FACES CRISIS.

Cotton Growers Want Banks to Help Hold Crop for Ten Cents.

The Southern Cotton Growers' Protective Association has adopted a resolution saying it "recognizes that the South faces a monetary crisis, due to the recent depression in the price of her great money staple crop, cotton." It declares that with "the splendid trade condition throughout the civilized world the mills can absorb the surplus of the cotton crop at 10 cents per pound, paid to the producers." It therefore calls on the holders of spot cotton in the South to stand together and demand a minimum of 10 cents a pound for the rest of the crop. In addition the association asks Southern banks to finance this holding movement.

OIL WELLS BECOME VOLCANOES.

Texas Field Wrecked by Explosion That Threw Out 100 Feet of Mud.

The Humble oil fields in Texas were completely wrecked by a terrific subterranean explosion that turned the deep wells into active volcanoes, blow pipes that were a thousand feet in the ground high into the air and hurled great stones and floods of mud and lava over an area a mile wide and three miles long. The derricks and wells were ruined and the expensive machinery practically demolished. In the opinion of experienced operators the field is ruined. The loss is placed at \$500,000.

BANKS RAISE INTEREST RATE.

New York Concerns Announce They Will Pay 4 Per Cent.

Depositors in two of the largest savings banks in New York, the Bowers and the Greenwich, have been notified of an increase in the interest rate, which is raised from 3 1/2 per cent to 4. A similar advance has been made by the modestly by other institutions. The Bowers bank has savings deposits of \$87,000,000, while the Greenwich holds \$45,000,000. Bankers attribute the increase in earnings of the banks chiefly to higher rates on real estate mortgages.

Gets \$100,000 for Kindly Act.

Houston Bond, a Nashville, Tenn., hotel clerk, received a certified check from Evansville, Ind., for \$100,000 from a man who fell on the sidewalk in front of the hotel where Bond is employed and severely injured himself four years ago. Bond cared for him until he had recovered.

Ruin in Port Arthur.

The Japanese are actively engaged in operations to reconstruct the city of Port Arthur on the coast of Manchuria. The city, as seen from 203-Meter Hill, is almost deserted and presents a wide expanse of shattered buildings and sunken warships dot the harbor.

\$400,000 to Charity.

The will of the late George E. P. Dodge leaves nearly \$400,000 to numerous Chicago religious and charitable organizations. The Central Church, Lutheran Hospital, Hull House and Children's Aid Society are the principal beneficiaries.

Sevastopol Is Torpedoed.

The Russian battleship Sevastopol, the last of the Port Arthur fleet, was successfully torpedoed, according to a report received in Tokyo. This marks the end of many recent desperate night attacks by torpedo boats in the face of a fierce fire.

Fine Church Burned.

Fire in Minneapolis destroyed the Holy Rosary Catholic church, involving a loss of \$100,000, which includes structure, pipe organs and valuable paintings. It was the handsomest church building west of Chicago.

Two New States.

The Senate committee Friday agreed to report favorably the bill for the admission of Arizona and New Mexico territories as the State of Arizona, and of Oklahoma and Indian territories as the State of Oklahoma.

Impediment for Florida Jurist.

The House in Washington ordered the impeachment of Judge Wayne of Florida. The charge is to the jurist's expense account may bring about a general inquiry as to the practice of all judges on this point.

Throws Out Election Returns.

The Colorado Supreme Court has decided to throw out Denver returns. The effect will be to give the Republicans all State office except Governor.

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CARNEGIE HAS STRIKE CURE.

Says Most Effective Is Agreement Providing for Arbitration.

"The most effective cure for strikes and lockouts is a trade agreement providing for arbitration," declared Andrew Carnegie in an address that Ralph M. Bailey read for him at a meeting of the National Civic Federation held in New York City. "We should always remember with satisfaction that peace reigns in six-sevenths of the industrial world," said Mr. Carnegie. "There are only 7,000,000 out of 22,000,000 engaged in gainful pursuits, in mechanical and manufacturing occupations. Now we hear nothing of war in the agricultural branch, which of itself has more than 10,000,000 of workers. In domestic service, comprising 5,500,000, all is peace; perhaps in this department the relations of employer and employee are most satisfactory of all. These facts lead us to the conclusion of much of the tension and strife found in the manufacturing and mechanical departments. It rests just here: The former being in the personal equation, and into the latter nowadays that security enters. It is these personal relations, the knowledge of the virtues of the employer and employed revealed to each other, creating mutual regard, that establish the reign of peace in agricultural and domestic service. As far as the largest manufacturing and milleries are concerned I think the great corporation engaged in a dispute with its men makes a mistake if it adopts the policy or even considers it of running the works with men away. The best workmen are not idle and to employ the only class that can be obtained is to lay the foundation of serious future trouble."

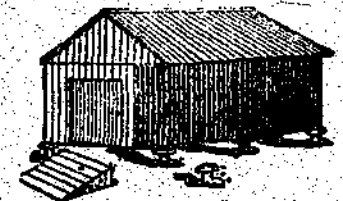
GILLESPIE HEARING OPENS.

Indications Point to Stubborn Legal Fight at Rising Sun, Ind.

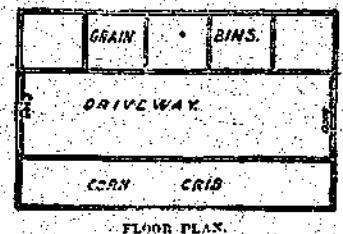
The famous James Gillespie murder trial at Rising Sun, Ind., is on again, and developed new sensational features right at the beginning of the taking of testimony. Before a jury was selected 298 talesmen were examined. The jury was on the first day taken to the scene of the murder and after the customary instructions of the court Acting Prosecuting Attorney Harry McMillan presented the State's case. Immediately on his conclusion and before the taking of testimony began a stormy scene, the defense caused a sensation by filing a motion to dismiss the defendant from custody because of an alleged misstatement of Attorney McMillan in his opening remarks to the jury. Judge Cornett took the motion under advisement, and ordered testimony to proceed. The introduction of evidence

FARM AND GARDEN

A Combination Building.
Here is a plan for a combined corn crib, granary and wagon shed as given in the Ohio Farmer. It is 32x20 and 10 feet high to eaves, and has a light floor, which is reached by means of a movable platform, D. The building is set up on short wooden posts, B, standing on a flat stone, C, and a galvanized iron pan inverted over the top, A. This makes it rat and mouse proof. If the platform D is pulled away from



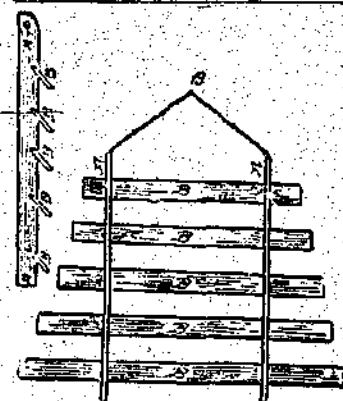
the building when not in use. The plan is shown in the second picture. The grain bins are arranged with sliding boards in front, same as in any granary. The attic can be used for storing tools or anything else desired. In that case there should be a window in each gable end. The center or driving floor makes a good wagon and buggy shed. The platform D can be made stationary by covering the lower part of the door and the door sill, with sheet iron and extending the sheet iron strip out toward corner of building a foot or so on each side. Such an approach can be provided at each end, so that the team can be driven through the building. Instead of posts



and inverted pans, it is cheaper to set the building on stanchion sewer pipe 2 feet long. Flats and mice can't climb the glazed pipe.

Stags for Next Season.
Hardly two men will agree in all respects as to what constitutes the best sow for breeding purposes, although the most successful hog raisers are coming around to the belief that the medium animal gives the best returns, so that the old idea that the broad sow should be of large size is being abandoned. Size determined on, then other characteristics should be sought. If the sow has had one litter it is easy to know if she is fitted to continue the work. If she was not a good mother, if she did not have the proper amount of milk provided she was properly fed then she will not prove a profitable mother for other seasons. When the sow is bred for the first time, then one is taking some chances, but it ought not to be hard after the first year, to get together a fine lot of sows simply by remembering how they acted in previous years.

Home-Made Plank Drag.
I have a home-made plank lever and old crusher which I think an improvement upon those made by overlapping planks, writes a correspondent of the Rural New Yorker. It does exceedingly good work, leveling so a field may be made as even as a floor. Mine is about eight feet wide and six



feet long. I have tried to show how it is made in the cut. Two planks are set on edge, and a series of planks nailed into their lower edges, sloping backward at an angle of about 45 degrees. I have tried to present a view of one plank on edge, showing how the cross planks are inserted. I make the forward cross planks shorter than those in rear, as it leaves smoother work made thus. Board may be nailed on top to stand upon when it is desired to do extra heavy scraping.

Stealing Fruits.
Any person who willfully enters without the consent of the owner or occupant, any orchard, fruit garden, vineyard, or ground whereon is cultivated any fruit, with intent to take, injure or destroy anything there growing or grown or such tree or vine growing within and on such orchard, garden, vineyard, or upon any such ground, or any building, frame or erection thereon, is punishable by imprisonment not exceeding six months, or a fine not exceeding \$250, or both—Green's Fruit Grower.

American Fig Culture.
Successful fig raising began in the vicinity of Fresno, Cal. Success dates from the introduction of the tiny wasp which secured the pollenization of the blossoms, and without which the trees had failed to set fruit. The first commercial crops were grown in 1900, the fig being of the Smyrna variety, which is a distinguished sort of re-

markably fine quality and appearance. As grown in California, the variety is superior in sweetness to the imported kind, and is as much superior to ordinary figs as the Washington Navel orange is to the common oranges. Four or five years are required from setting the trees before good sized crops are produced, but the industry is making rapid progress and likely to supply soon an important part of the fig trade of this country.

Prices for Horses Are Blah.
All the large horse markets report high prices this year. The demand was never better in all parts of the country, particularly for the best animals. Some very fine drafters have sold for as much as \$500 to \$600 in the Chicago market. These, of course, are exceptional prices, and have certainly been very remunerative to the growers.

In the financial depression that followed 1903 values dropped to so low a figure that breeders restricted their operations to such an extent that breeding stock went away down below the numbers kept in previous years. In fact in some localities that were more or less distinguished for their industry, it went almost entirely out of existence.

Fortunately with the revival of prices a marked revival is manifesting itself in breeding. Of course, there is a possibility that breeding may be overdone, but the probability that such will be the case is not very strong. The depletion of this class of horses has been so great that unless depression should come and should be severe, those who are rearing draft horses may expect to find a good market for them providing they have been properly reared.

Grain Led by Cotton.
The exports of grain and flour from the United States for the ten months ending October were less than one-half in value of those of the corresponding period in 1903 or 1902, and only one-third as much as those of the corresponding period of 1901 or 1900. Yet the total volume of exports for the ten months was \$100,000,000 greater than for the same period of last year, indicating that the shortage of grain products was more than offset in other ways. Manufactured goods seem to have made up for the lack of increase, the gain being over \$50,000,000 as compared with last year. Shipments of raw cotton also show a gain of \$22,000,000, suggesting that for the time, at least, cotton, rather than wheat, is king of the agricultural export trade.

Leaves Fed to Cattle.
The use of leaves for cattle fodder is seriously urged by a French writer, who declares that the idea is an old one, such food having been fed to cattle in ancient times. The Roman farmers, he says, used to feed green leaves during eight months of the year, and also in winter when fodder was scarce, they soaked dry leaves in water to soften them before feeding to the cattle. The abundance of fodder in this country is not likely to force farmers to any such expedient, and dairy farmers have a well-founded suspicion that the flavor of milk is affected when cattle browse on various kinds of foliage.

Farm Fences.
The legal fence should be of wire with a rail at the top so as not to obstruct snow, or to be affected by winds. The neighborhood could get along without any fences if suitable laws were passed. The coming age will know no farm fences. If the farmers could by all they spend on fences they would get rich. Farm fences and common pastures will both die a natural death soon. Both belong to a pioneer period which we have outgrown.

Nursing Grass Lands.
When one has a meadow that has yielded good crops for a long time, but the yield is smaller with each passing season, there should be some let up in the cropping of such meadows. While many of them will be the better for receding, many of them will respond well to a top dressing of fertilizer and close cropping; that is, not cutting too close or gathering the second crop at all.

Orange Vinegar.
California orange growers have discovered a new use for over-ripe oranges, which have heretofore been of almost no value at the orchards. They have succeeded in making a high grade of vinegar from the juice, the product being claimed superior to apple vinegar.

Poultry Pickings.
No success can be achieved with poultry without cleanliness. It's a poor plan to wash eggs for keeping. Don't do it, unless eggs are to be used right away.

Whatever you do, unless you fatten for market, don't give an exclusive corn diet, and better not even then.

The cry now is for winter eggs. The poultry keeper smart enough to get them is the one who is successful financially.

In poultry feeding there are innumerable ways that may lead to success. In fact, the combinations of foodstuffs that can be made are almost without limit. But when mixing feeds, mix common sense with the other ingredients.

Place a heated soapstone wrapped in cloth, into a box of proper size, and upon this put the dish containing fresh drinking water, with a cover over the dish which leaves only a small part of the surface of the water exposed. Do this and the water will not freeze.

MICHIGAN MATTERS.

NEWS OF THE WEEK CONCISELY CONDENSED.

Fire Causes Heavy Damage in East Tawas and St. Joseph—A Mosaic Mosaic Floor in Church—Parry Jury Falls to Accuse.

The fire that destroyed the Emery block in East Tawas wiped out one of the old landmarks of the city and one of the finest buildings in the county. For a time it seemed as if the whole town was doomed, but the efforts of the firemen and citizens, who formed a bucket brigade after the water works gave out, confined the fire to the block where it started. The block consisted of three stories and was occupied by S. A. Hovey, the owner, groceries and meat market. The fire started in the second story, where a fire started; Wrother & Hovey, hardware, and the Tawas Sugar Co. offices. The Old Folks and Foresters had lodge rooms upstairs and A. C. Carlin, agriculturist, for the sugar company, and C. W. Orton, general manager of the same company, lived there. The loss will approximate \$120,000, with insurance amounting to \$100,000.

Mosaic Floors in Church.
Clad only in his underclothing, James Delatto, a carling mason from an attack of fever, held seven policemen at bay with an ax for over two hours in the Fifth Reformed Dutch church in Grand Rapids during the morning service Sunday. The congregation ran from the place in a panic, and the mason, who jumped on top of the big pipe organ, wrecking it by falling inside, and policemen were compelled to climb into the organ to capture him. During the fight much furniture was broken. In the capture three policemen were cut with the ax and Delatto was shot through the head, but may recover.

\$100,000 Fire at St. Joseph.
Fire started by a gas explosion destroyed the Martin block in St. Joseph, occupied by Ender & Moore, dry goods. Joseph Weber, grocer, and William Koschko, druggist, the adjoining building, occupied by the Christ & Christ pool room, was wrecked by a falling wall. Loss, \$100,000; insurance \$100,000. The explosion was caused by leaking gas in the basement being ignited from a lantern. The combined fire departments of St. Joseph and Horton Harbor fought the flames for two hours, being hampered considerably by the cold, which froze the clothes of the men.

Parry Jury Is Discharged.
The jury which heard the evidence in the bribery trial of former Mayor George R. Parry was discharged at Grand Rapids, being unable to agree on a verdict. It is said that it stood 10 to 2 for an acquittal. The charge against the former Mayor was the receiving of a bribe of \$2,500 July 7, 1903, from George City Attorney Earl K. Salisbury. This amount was alleged to have been received by Parry from New York producers to buy a contract from the Mayor and City Council for a water supply from Lake Michigan for the city of Grand Rapids.

Two Given Life Sentence.
John Walker was convicted of complicity in the murder of Bartender William Herman in a Grand Rapids saloon at Detroit last year. He was sentenced by Judge James Phelan of the Recorder's court to life imprisonment in the State prison at Marquette. Jacob Dussold, alias Longdon, formerly of Buffalo, was sentenced a few days ago to life imprisonment at Marquette for the same crime. Both men were sentenced by Judge James Phelan of the Recorder's court to life imprisonment in the State prison at Marquette.

Convict Police Captain.
Frank Stevens, former police captain, under indictment for conspiracy, was found guilty at Grand Rapids, after the jury had been out over two hours. The jury recommended him to the mercy of the court. This is the first conviction under indictments returned by the police department charged with conspiracy to accept bribes from gamblers and other law breakers. The case will be appealed to the Supreme Court.

Within Our Borders.
Charles Hickey lost his right arm in a corn husker near Mt. Morris.

The Gibson paper mill, the oldest in Kalamazoo, has been closed down for an indefinite time.

The four mill at Hanover and the adjacent mill were burned.

About 7,000 deer were killed in this State during the season. Only one-third as many as last year.

Luther Edly of Eagle, who had an arm and leg broken recently by a buck sheep, has died from his injuries.

Essexville has organized an educational society to promote closer relations between parents, pupils and teachers.

A barn with hay, grain and two cows, belonging to George S. Wilson, near Mason, burned because of an exploding lantern.

Ulysses Freeman of Battle Creek was struck in the left eye by a knot while working in a sawmill; he will lose an eye, perhaps both.

Theodore Keldom, an Oronoco business man, was terribly burned by his celluloid collar catching fire while he was filling his gasoline stove while working.

Frank Hill hanged himself in his backwash shop at Okemos.

The widows of Reuben and Fred Lacey, who were suffocated in Columbusville jail, have sued P. E. Thompson and his bondsmen for \$10,000 damages to each for selling the men the liquor that made them drunk at the time.

The cemetery at Brown City will be opened under new management.

The town of Three Rivers will soon have a fine new school building.

Knights are gathering forces to go before the Legislature this winter in an effort to have the village incorporated.

Farmington's Council has voted to build a \$1,000 building to be used as a school room, village election hall and hall.

A cannery factory will be erected at Carleton next fall if 200 acres of townships are contracted in the vicinity for next summer.

A 400-acre cranberry marsh on Thunder bay, near Alpena, will bring an income of \$80,000 next year, it is said. An acre yields about 200 bushels.

An expensive job of fall plowing was done near Flint the other day. A Grand Trunk freight train plowed through a block of 100 sheep and killed 38 of the animals.

The transformation of North Branch's evaporator in a stove and heating factory has been almost completed, and the new plant will begin operations in a week or two.

Caro business men are already paying for two telephones, and when the Valley company endeavor to start an exchange there a revolt against making it was forestalled.

Dr. J. S. Valade, a prominent physician of Newport, and Charles Flint, a well-known farmer, also of Newport, were fined \$15 each at Newport for violation of State game laws.

Spurious half dollars of the date of 1891, and dollars of 1899 are being circulated around Berrien county. They are said to come from a band of counterfeiters in northern Indiana.

American around Holland are taking to wearing "kimonos," or wooden shoes. Detroit, Mich. Herald. It is said to be very warm for the feet.

Northville growers last week shipped their first crop of dried roots to New York, and received \$155 therefor. The product was from a space of ground about eighty square feet in extent.

The Monroe Common Council passed a resolution to petition the next State Legislature to redistrict the entire city. The Council is made necessary by rapid increase of population in the last two years.

During the past month numerous burglaries have been committed at Holland and Benzonia, and though they are apparently the work of home talent, no clue has yet been secured to the perpetrators.

Calumet reports weather as ideal for logging. Two feet of snow covers the ground in the upper country and upper peninsula. The swamps are frozen and cedar operations are curtailed. Men are not scarce.

As the result of being lost for two days in the woods about thirty miles north of Escanaba, while on a hunting expedition, W. A. Oak, a hunter of Escanaba, has become insane and is locked up at the county jail.

Hobbes who strike Lansing from now on will be given a course of physical culture free of charge. The Council has provided the apparatus in the shape of a gymnasium and a number of twenty-pound dumbbells.

The Gladys school board has decided upon the construction of a \$15,000 school house that will accommodate 400 pupils. The new building will be of brick and is expected to be finished some time the coming summer.

Alarmed by the prospect for a fodder famine the coming winter, the farmers of Montcalm and adjoining counties are disposing of their live stock for whatever price they can get, rather than carry it through the winter.

The once prosperous town of Atkins, in the upper peninsula, has but two families in its corporate limits now, although all of the houses are still standing. The closing down of the lumber mills there left it high and dry.

Atmospheric Indians have been very successful trapping this year and it is said that a party of them recently returned from Marquette Island, near Bay Mills, with 225 muskrat pelts, four foxes, one badger, several mink and a skunk.

Carl Kuebler, a pioneer of Alpena county, aged 75, was found dead in his sleigh a short distance from his home. Heart disease was the cause of death. He had started to town, but the team turned into a neighbor's, where he was found.

Sparks is becoming noted for being and it is said that housewives about there can haul out a bunch of baked beans for the day.

Frank's house in the village has been moved to a new location at the present time.

A West Branch tailor recently received a suit of clothes to clean from a hunchman at the Ward. Before the tailor commenced operations on the clothes he received a telegram to search them for cash, and proceeding to do so, fished out of a pocket a roll of bills amounting to \$500.

Charles H. McGurran, who won the first prize in the all typewriters contest last year, has been named as the official reporter of the Circuit Court of Kalamazoo county. A dispatch announces that McGurran established a new world's record of 125 words a minute for two consecutive hours' writing.

The citizens of Ypsilanti are taking a keen interest in the appointment of a Ypsilanti to fill out the unexpired term of Patrick H. Akeley as member of the board of education. Ypsilanti has never had but one member of the board and with her large educational interests, much of which has been subscribed by the citizens, she feels that she has a right to ask for the place. The name most prominently mentioned for this position is that of Capt. E. P. Allen.

An Allegan citizen has expressed his anxiety through the press of that city to the local undertakers who have recently reduced the prices on coffins. He says he has bought a number of them in his time, and hopes to be able to take advantage of the cut in prices soon.

Having lost patent rights to a number of mechanical appliances on which he had worked for several years, and in the perfection of which he had spent his life, he has for half a score of years, Spence M. Sparks, a well-known Buchanan man, brooded over his misfortune until he has become a raving maniac.

The people in the vicinity of Carleton are suffering badly for the want of water. No rain has fallen there for a number of weeks. Citizens in the village are all dry and many farmers in the country report their wells dry, and are compelled to haul water for miles and drive their stock to creeks to water.

A woman living near Three Rivers placed two hot irons in her lungs before starting for home the other day, to keep her feet warm. After driving a short distance she discovered her dress smoking up for smoke after it, and she was obliged to be passing succeeded in smothering the blaze with a blanket.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

LESSON FOR DECEMBER 12.

The Prince of Peace.—Isaiah 9:1-7. Golden Text.—His name shall be called of Wonderful, Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.—Isaiah 9:6, 7.

When Isaiah uttered his vivid prophecies concerning the Messiah and the future of God's people, the Hebrew world was in deep distress. It was a proud, stiff-necked world. The Hebrew people had long been accustomed to such liberty as was reserved for the upper classes in other lands. The slaves whom God had rescued from Egypt had been made into a nation in which a king was somewhat of an anomaly, and could not for long rule autocratically.

But now a foreign invasion threatened, and already there had been much suffering through raids in which, not only the goods alone were carried off, but captives as well. The people began to realize their danger, and that they were likely, though being conquered, to lose not only their land but their personal freedom also.

It was indeed a black time and Isaiah painted it black, as you may see by reading the whole chapter from which our lesson text is taken. He tells of all the woes that will come upon the people because of their forsaking God, and after each set of woes he pronounces this awful curse: "For all this His anger is not turned away, but His hand is stretched out still."

There was, however, a gleam of light behind the darkness. It took a prophet and a man of faith to see it, but for those who believed thoroughly in God there must always be the hope of good things to come; there must always be the belief that though all seem to be going all wrong yet they are really going right for such are the workings of God.

Isaiah loved God; he knew that there were others among the people who loved God; and he knew that there must be some salvation for himself and those. What this salvation was he could not divine, but he knew that it was in God's hand, and in such a way as to make it impossible for those who lived after the fulfillment of His prophecies not to be struck by their deed and actions.

Notes.
Verse 1.—The first part of this verse in the Revised Version runs thus: "But there shall be no gloom to her that was in anguish. In the former time He brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time both He made it glorious."

It is unnecessary here to note that the prophet has a way of speaking of what is going to happen as if it had happened. Here the past tense is evidently used for the future. It is as much as to say that all things are one to the God who called Himself, "I am"; and that those things prophesied to come, would so surely come that they might be regarded as accomplished facts. The thought into contentment may be taken as referring to something passed when Isaiah spoke, but it is not necessary to take it so. God had afflicted this land. He was about to afflict it yet more. All that may be taken as happening "in the former time." But later on, how much later, we do not know, God would make this same land glorious. We know how glorious the moving place of the nation, yet, and glorious by being selected as the principal field of Christ's ministry.

Verse 2.—Isaiah called himself "the light of the world," and this prophecy is quoted by Matthew as referring to Him. (Matt. 23:16.) He shines in men's hearts, making clear to them their own wickedness, and the way of deliverance from it. (John 8:12.)

Isaiah had in mind his own benighted, troubled people. But his prophecy has turned out to be of wider application. It was the people of the whole world who had been walking in darkness and were to see a great light.

Verse 3, 4.—Isaiah was in the R. V. "These things multiplied the nation, who had increased their joy." Isaiah is here and to the end of our lesson text giving a vision of the good times he saw ahead. And still he thinks of his own people.

This prophecy may be taken to have come true in part in a material way at the restoration after the Babylonian captivity. Israel's foes of Israel's day were in their turn conquered, and the people of Israel returned to enjoy a time of prosperity and happiness. And in a much wider sense the prophecy may be being fulfilled now in the increasing numbers and prosperity of the Hebrew people scattered but not absorbed.

But it is the secondary, and spiritual, significance of the prophecy that is of importance. Isaiah was speaking of God's people. At that time the Israelites and Jews had a claim on that title. But now the Hebrews no longer have a monopoly of God's Kingdom. God has, so to speak, "multiplied the nation" of believers, and increased their joy.

Verse 6.—Here Isaiah rises to the highest prophetic vein, and utters what is a wonderful prophecy, even among many that are wonderful. Here he clearly foretold the strange combination of the human and the divine nature in the Deliverer who was to come. The people were to rejoice in One who would be one of themselves, seen by them, heard by them, understandable by them; He would be born into the world as one of them. And yet with all His humanity He would be more than human and would be called "Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

Verse 7.—Here, again, Isaiah speaks in particular of his own people. But we are to regard his people as representing the beginnings of God's Kingdom, a kingdom that was to spread eventually among all the nations, and to last forever. David had been God's first choice of a king to rule over His Kingdom. At the time, that kingdom was comprised within the Hebrew nation. But now the kingdom was to increase until it should take in all the peoples, and the ruler who was to be over it would be His King "from henceforth even forever."

Church and Clergy.
Isaiah is today and probably increasingly so.

Bishop Vincent is serving for his fifth year an university professor at Harvard.

Miss Margaretta Sophia Rigby of Baltimore has gone as a missionary to Liberia, Africa.

There are in Japan twelve schools for the higher education of young men, supported by Protestant missions.

The Rev. Thomas A. Schofield has been appointed by Bishop Olmsted as second archdeacon of the diocese of Colorado.

SINK WITH A BRIDGE

MANY CHILDREN PLUNGED INTO AN ICY RIVER.

Big Suspension Structure at Charleston, W. Va., Breaks, Carrying Scholars to Death—Fight Each Other in Streets—Parents Are Terror-Stricken.

At Charleston, W. Va., the suspension bridge connecting East and West Charleston felt through, precipitating six teams and a number of school children, estimated variously from a dozen to thirty, into the ice-covered waters, some fifty feet below. The bridge fell with a sudden crash about 8:30 o'clock in the morning, just as the vehicles containing the children were in its center. The bridge turned turtle as it went down and the floor was thrown into the air, the ice does a little below the place of crossing.

The air was filled with cries of horror. The carriage struck the water with a splash, and then began an awful struggle in the water. Boys, half crazed, struck the girls and forced them back, endeavoring themselves to catch hold of the carriages which were half afloat. These efforts were fruitless, however; but they kept some alive until rescue arrived.

Boats were secured, but by the time these reached the victims who remained struggling in the water, a large number had perished. Parents of the children were notified, and came to the bank, mothers half-fainting and fathers pale and anxious. There were many pathetic scenes as parents recognized the dripping forms as they were brought to shore.

Of thirteen horses on the bridge when it fell twelve were drowned. Gordon Long and Tom Michie, drivers, went down with the bridge, but caught the edge of the ice and managed to reach shore in safety. The bridge floor was covered with several inches of ice and snow. The structure, which was built in 1852, has been considered unsafe for heavy loads for several months, and on last Labor day the officers would not allow the floats in the parade to cross the bridge on account of its supposed unsafe condition.

CHURCH OATH IS BLOODY.

Smoot Witness Says Multitude Is Penalty for Mormon Informers.

Torture, mutilation and death is the penalty allotted to Mormons who reveal the secret rites of the church in the endowment house, marriage ceremonies according to testimony given before the Senatorial committee in the hearing of the case of Senator Reed Smoot of Utah. Further testimony that prominent Mormons do not obey the laws with reference to polygamy was given by two members of the faculty of Brigham Young University.

J. H. Wallis, of Salt Lake City, was the witness who revealed the bloody nature of the oaths exacted in the endowment house. He considered himself absolved from his oaths of secrecy, as he said he had given notice to his bishop several months ago that he would not continue as a member of the church. These oaths, which all who took part in the ceremonies agreed not to reveal under penalty of mutilation, were given by Mr. Wallis as follows:

"That the throat be cut from ear to ear and the tongue be torn off.

"That the breast be cut asunder and the heart and reins be torn from the body.

"That the body be cut asunder at the middle and the bowels cut out.

"That if demanded we will give all we possess to the support of the church."

Questioning by counsel and Senators brought out the admission that he had never taken the oaths seriously, and had considered them as something of a joke, and he thought many others had considered them the same way.

George H. Brethault, president of Brigham Young University, testified that he had two wives, married before 1890. Senator Smoot, who is a member of the university board, frequently addressed the students, he said, and always urged them to obey the law.

Joshua Hickman, a teacher in the university, testified that for ten years he had lived with two wives. The witness said he went through the temple with his second wife two or three years ago, and they were sealed, but no legal marriage had taken place. He said he had taken no steps to conform to the law in relation to marriages.

"Then, as you understand it, you are not legally married to your present wife?" asked Mr. Taylor.

"No, sir; not so far." He explained that he had been "a little negligent," but that he and his wife had decided that they should be married.

Arthur Morning, a teacher in the public schools of Utah, said he had been called on to conduct religious classes in his school. He read letters from his superiors instructing him how to outline the Mormon faith work.

Mr. Taylor, for the Protestants, said this testimony was to prove that the Mormon church was teaching its religion at public expense. Morning said the lessons were composed largely of biographies of polygamists.

FATAL "Q" WRECK.

Train Running Fifty Miles an Hour Leaves the Track.

One man was almost instantly killed and another suffered probably fatal injuries Wednesday night when train No. 8 of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy railroad left the tracks near Bristol, Ill., forty-five miles from Chicago. Fifty miles an hour, through the darkness, was the speed of the train, when, without an instant's warning, the big engine threw itself from the track, which is perfectly straight and level at that point, dragging the cars after it, and plowing its way over sleepers. All the passengers were left struggling together in the overturned cars when the train came to a standstill.



Feder Nissen, who sacrificed his life in an attempt to roll across Lake Michigan in a strange craft of his own invention, had a record for deeds of daring. In 1900 he twice shot the rapids of Niagara Falls in boats of his own make, and had succeeded in the adventure which cost his life his purpose was to make an attempt to reach the north pole. Nissen was born in Denmark forty-three years ago, but came to this country while a youth and was educated here. He was the inventor of a number of novelties and labor-saving devices, and once conducted a business college in Chicago. He was a graduate of the Indiana State Normal College at Valparaiso.

Sir Richard Sankel estimates that Ireland's coal contains the equivalent of 5,000,000,000 tons of coal.

The late Alexander Mayer-Kohn, a Berlin banker, was the owner of one of the largest autograph collections in the world.

Henry J. Cove, for many years in charge of the choir of the English House of Commons, left his property, worth \$500,000, to various hospitals.

At a recent meeting in New York it was decided to preserve the grave of Joseph Rodman Drake by establishing a public park at Hunt's point.

General James H. Wilson, who has been appointed chairman of the Congressional committee, is a celebrated veteran. For time he was chief of the engineer corps, and previously had been in charge of river and harbor improvements on Lake Erie. From 1889 to 1893 he was superintendent of the West Point Military Academy, whence he was graduated in 1860. General Wilson made a brilliant record during the civil war, being brevetted on several occasions for gallant conduct. For a time he left the service and engaged in railway and engineering operations, but soon was reappointed. He was born in Southern Illinois in September, 1837.

Dr. Leo Vogel, appointed Swiss minister at Washington, will be the youngest diplomat of his rank at the national capital.

Verechagin was at once the kindest and the truest of men. He loved newspaper notices.

Samuel Taylor Coleridge, a British composer, will visit the

Crawford Avalanche.

GRAYLING, THURSDAY, DEC. 22.

Take Notice.

The date following your address on this paper shows to what time your subscription is paid. Our terms are one dollar per year in advance. If your time is up, please renew promptly. A following your name means we want our money.

Local and Neighborhood News.

Subscribers to the late Grayling Times, whose subscription has expired will please notify us before January 1st, if they wish the AVALANCHE continued to their address.

Come and see the medallions we are selling at cost. Fournier's Drug Store.

N. P. Olson was a business visitor at Saginaw the last three days.

Until further notice the Central Meat Market will pay 75c per lb. for hides.

The big boarding house at Edward burned last Friday, at two o'clock in the morning.

Until further notice the Central Meat Market will pay 75c per lb. for hides.

The K. O. I. M. lodge erected a colored electric light in front of their hall last week.

Come and see how far we can make your money go. J. W. Sorenson.

The AVALANCHE is full of wishes for a "Merry Christmas" to all our readers.

A fine line of cigars in boxes at 50c each and upwards, for Xmas at Fournier's Drug Store.

Good sleighing, clear weather, good business and everybody happy should make a "Merry Christmas" this year if ever.

Come and see how satisfactory Christmas shopping can be made. J. W. Sorenson.

For Sale—One horse, harness, cutter, buggy, buffalo robe and blanket. Can be bought cheap. Apply at this office.

The new county clerk, Wm. Taylor will occupy the residence of Mrs. Sarah McKay, lately vacated by Mr. O. P. Hanson.

For Sale—A first-class general purpose team, work or road, sound and all right; will be sold worth the money. O. Palmer.

For Rent—A neat and convenient house in the north part of the village. Five rooms and cellar, small barn. \$6 per month. O. Palmer.

See the new railroad time card in this issue. While there is not much change, there is enough to get you left if you don't watch out.

C. W. Amidon put down a tubular well for Fred Shultz in Beaver Creek, last week, that will furnish water for the entire neighborhood.

Before buying your Christmas presents call at the express office and see the China just received. Prices ranging from \$1.00 to \$50.00.

If you haven't time to prepare Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea, it is now made in tablet form also. Get a package already to use. 35c. L. Fournier.

Some of our people have thought the Avalanche fire might have caught from kerosene or gasoline belonging to the office. We say emphatically there was never a drop of either kept in the room where the fire originated.

Remove the microbes which impoverish the blood and circulation. Stops all trouble that interferes with nutrition. That's what Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea will do. 35c. tea or tablet form. L. Fournier.

Another alarm of fire was sounded last Saturday, at 10 o'clock, which fortunately was a false alarm. The smoke from the engines sifted through Salling, Hanson & Co's warehouse, and a passer by thought there must be fire in the building. All are glad that it was a false alarm.

When you feel like sighing—sing. Sighing will never pleasure bring. Learn to laugh, you can laugh and laugh right. By taking Rocky Mountain Tea at night.

L. Fournier.

With this and every issue of the AVALANCHE to January 15th will be found in supplement form, a list of lands to be sold in May for delinquent taxes. Look it over carefully and if any of your lands are wrongfully included, report to the Prosecuting Attorney and it will be corrected by the court in January without expense.

Alpena merchants are offering prizes to the farmer who brings in the largest lot of "traders" in one load. Last week's winner drove to town with 27 "wimmin folks" and the vehicle used was fearfully and wonderfully made. It was double decked, tripple in width, and had an extra set of wheels. Every one of the fair creatures, after first correctly adjusting her headgear, "went shopping," and if you are a merchant you know what that means.

Geo. L. Alexander went to Saginaw yesterday, on legal business.

E. E. Hartwick, of Jackson, with his wife and boy are at "Grandpa" Mithelson's for the holiday festivities.

Some errors will probably occur in our mailing list, as it is not posted to date, and the blotter is burned. They will be promptly corrected on notice.

Mr. and Mrs. Esther Matson, with the babies left for their new home in Lapeer, last Monday. They will be missed from our village society, and will take with them the best wishes of a host of friends.

The display of Christmas goods in our village far exceeds most towns of far greater pretensions. Look over our advertising columns and you will find what you want. One heavy here is the fact that the goods are elegant and that prices are right.

The Presbyterian Sunday School will give their Christmas entertainment at the church, Saturday evening. There is to be a Christmas tree and Santa Claus will be there. An entertainment will be given by the children. The program will consist of a pretty cantata, songs and recitations by the children.

The Johannesburg train last Saturday morning found a "Lorry" on the track, with the wheel chained and locked, near Buck's crossing, which they put in the ditch. It had been left by the section crew by the side of the railroad track and was probably put on by hoboes, who finding that it would not run left it on the track. It was a lucky escape for the train.

Call at Olson's Central Drug Store, and let us show our well selected line of Perfumes, Toilet Powders, Toilet Water, Tooth Powder, Tooth Paste, Tooth Brushes, Work Baskets, Box Paper, French Stag Military Sets, Toilet Sets and Manicure Sets, Music Rolls, Hand Bags, Smoking Sets, Albums, Combs and Brushes, Candy, Cigars, etc., etc., suitable for holiday presents.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Failing drove to the residence of J. P. Hildreth the first of the week with a load of "Christmas cheer," which they had collected. It will be remembered that Mr. Hildreth is 81 years old, and his wife completely paralyzed below the waist, so that help is greatly needed in their present condition. The food and clothing which they carried, carried a bright ray of human sunshine to the darkened home.

Our citizens will be glad to know of more honor being thrust on a former Grayling boy. The members of Co. B, M. N. G., of Mason, and the leading men of that city, are putting forward the name of Capt. E. E. Hartwick, now of Jackson, for the position of Assistant Inspector General. His honorable graduation at West Point, his ten years service in the regular army, taking part in the Cuban war with his troop the 9th Cavalry, where he won honorable distinction and was specially mentioned by Roosevelt for his gallantry in action, all give him a leverage that should be felt. The AVALANCHE votes for him with both hands, as would all our people.

An article is going the rounds of the country press about a new game that has cropped out. It is called "Tackle the Editor" and is as follows: Take a sheet of ordinary writing paper, fold it nicely, enclose a bank note sufficiently large to pay all arrears and one year in advance and hand it to the editor. Keep an eye on him and if a smile adorns his face the trick works fine. Now is the time to play the joke. It beats "pit" and "flinch" all hollow.

Clubs are formed on any pretext, says an exchange. A woman wants to study history, so instead of going off by herself to master it, she gets up a club. There are clubs to play cards, clubs for literary purposes, dancing clubs, eating clubs, etc., and if the club business is not overdone, we suggest another one, a winter club. Those suffer most in winter who remain indoors most. Those catch the worst cold who hug the fire longest. The best health is for those who get out on the coldest days, who let no storm outside keep them in. Therefore, the winter club. The members will get out every day and walk. They will look for beauties that exist in a blizzard, and they are not hard to find, if the system is toned up right.

As Christmas is rapidly approaching, and as all mails from now until then will be crowded with Christmas packages going to all parts of the country, here are a few suggestions that might be well to follow. All citizens should see that their outgoing packages are registered. This insures greater certainty of delivery and also the return of a receipt showing that the person has received his or her gift. It would also be a good idea to have your packages weighed at the post-office instead of depending on grocery scales and those in private families. Postal scales are made especially for packages and are divided into small denominations for correct weight. Also have your name and address on

every package and it will then be returned to you, if undelivered. If the above suggestions are heeded there will not be but very few packages go astray this Christmas.

Startling Evidence.

Fresh testimony in great quantity is constantly coming in, declaring Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds to be unequalled. A recent expression from T. J. McFarland, Bentonville, Va., serves as example. He writes: "I had bronchitis for three years and doctored all the time without being benefited. Then I began taking Dr. King's New Discovery, and a few bottles wholly cured me." Equally effective in curing all Lung and Throat troubles, Consumption, Pneumonia and Gelp. Guaranteed by L. Fournier, Druggist. Trial bottles free, regular sizes 50c and \$1.00.

Driven to Desperation.

Living at an out of the way place, remote from civilization, a family is often driven to desperation in case of accident, resulting in Burns, Cuts, Wounds, Ulcers, etc. Lay in a supply of Bucklen's Arnica Salve. It's the best on earth. 25c at Fournier's Drug Store.

Township treasurer Acili had been in the habit of taking the tax roll home with him from the office, but he had given up all day Sunday to work on it, and when he left the Avalanche office Monday night before the fire he remarked: "Well, I am up even with the books and won't work to night. I will put in an hour's reading," and left the books on his table. The fire fixed 'em. He also left a box with a couple dollars in small change in the table drawer, and now he can't even find the dates on the coin.

This is a strenuous week for Express Agent Jones. It is worse than the deer or huckle-berry season for him.

That Throbbing Headache.


Wouldn't you leave you, if you used Dr. King's New Life Pills. Thousands of sufferers have proved their matchless merit for Sick and Nervous Headaches. They make pure blood and build up your health. Only 25 cents, money back if not cured. Sold by L. Fournier, Druggist.

BLOOD DISEASED MEN
If you ever contracted any blood disease you are never safe unless the virus of poison has been eradicated from the system. Have you any of the following symptoms? Itching, itching of the throat, or the tongue, or the mouth, hair falling out, itching skin, itching of the scalp, itching of the body, itching of the eyes, itching of the nose, itching of the ears, itching of the throat, itching of the chest, itching of the stomach, itching of the bowels, itching of the bladder, itching of the rectum, itching of the vagina, itching of the uterus, itching of the ovaries, itching of the breasts, itching of the nipples, itching of the areolae, itching of the clitoris, itching of the labia, itching of the perineum, itching of the anus, itching of the vulva, itching of the vagina, itching of the uterus, itching of the ovaries, itching of the breasts, itching of the nipples, itching of the areolae, itching of the clitoris, itching of the labia, itching of the perineum, itching of the anus, itching of the vulva, itching of the vagina, itching of the uterus, itching of the ovaries, itching of the breasts, itching of the nipples, itching of the areolae, 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 A little for that baby here.
 2. A little sack of faded hair,
 A little lock of golden hair.
 3. A little ring for my dear one,
 A little ring for my Christmas time,
 4. My little wife, my all to me—
 But rubbed in white upon my knee,
 5. To make the little baby's Christmas pillow.
 6. Tell me, my little golden head,
 Of Santa Claus should come to-night,
 7. What should he bring my baby here,
 That means for me and my dear one,
 8. And then shall I the little ring,
 While in his round and truthful eye,
 9. These came a little to my mind,
 10. To make the little baby's Christmas ring.
 11. I spoke his trustful, childish joy,
 12. And, as he heard his evening prayer,
 13. He asked the boon with baby's grace,
 14. And, treading to the chimney place,
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As they walked along, the kind gentleman, who was a physician, questioned the little child about their sister's injury, and they told him all about her fall, and how the accident was, and how they lived so properly cared for. They entered the room, the mother, who was preparing the mid-day meal, looked up in surprise when she saw the strange gentleman with Joe and Fran. The boys rushed to their sister's bedside with the doll. "Here's yer doll, Rithie, back again. It's-ter keep fer always. The gentleman give it ter yer." Rithie, who could hardly believe the good news, looked at the doll with longing eyes, and then turned to her mother. The doctor, who had been talking to the mother, now came to Rithie's bedside. Speaking pleasantly to the little girl, he carefully examined the poor, lame back, and as he finished he said calmly, "And how does Rithie like her doll?" "Ah, sir," said the child, "it's beautiful. But is it really truly for me?" The gentleman laughed and nodded, then taking the doll from Joe, handed it to Rithie, who held it tenderly and hugged it to her breast. "Thank you so much, sir." The doctor patted her cheek and continued: "And now, my little Rithie, hear what I can say to ye. Is a big house, where you could live, and be looked after in a better, better room, with pretty pictures on the walls? And are you willing to give your poor, poor little sister, and do just as I say? I think that in a few weeks you will be able to walk about as well as ever." "Oh, yes, I would, just as well as ever."



ALVEIOUS in the influence by which the Christian spirit moves the hearts of men to joyful and generous impulses. It seems as if in this era of the year an unseen angel touched the invisible spring of an unused door in normal human nature and thence thron with song and sunshine. What a world of generous endeavor and what a summertime of happiness is awaked around us! Those whom Providence has prospected are busy with their loving desires to make huge happy, to crown the waning year with goodness, to reward fidelity, patience and love, to reap the joys that look into the Christmas season like hatching doves from a fair dwelling light. None would deny them all the riches of such experience, but let us not forget the larger and holier significance of this season whose glory is the advent of Him who came to minister to the poor and the sick and the downcast, and not to be fed and filled with costly gifts.

He came to serve and not to be palpered Himself. He came to bless those to whom "bleeding" was the strange name of an unknown experience. His works that have caused Him to hold the supreme adulation of mankind, the worship of millions, to stir the cantillation of philantropists the world over were His gifts to the leper, the lame, the sick, the blind and the outcast.

Here is the divine suggestion to every man and woman who would know really the full proportions and power of happiness. Thro'out the article of your presence and generosity to take in some of those whom you know are without the cheer and content of the Christmas time. Look out from your homes of ease and plenty by the back way to those hovels where you know is want and aching bodies and paralyzing helplessness. Reach out that hand of thine into which a Christian civilization has poured more than your own charity, and scatter the sunlight and healing offerings among those who slink in the shadows.

Every man and woman who would experience the true Christmas spirit should distribute with grace and humanity to the poor and sick. It is a tribute to Him whom you celebrate. It is a duty that casts a searchlight on the way to heaven. It is an exercise that stirs the inward spirit as none other can and widens the soul to greater capacity for love and happiness. Try it. Test it. Test the joy of the St. Louis Chronicle.



BRINDING IN THE HOLY.

body may be found and bring it in, in quantities large or small, according to the size of the tree.

The holy is found in swampy spots, in lowlands, in the world, but grows most abundantly and luxuriously in the Southern States of this country and England. It takes its name from the use of the boughs and berries for Christmas decorations. These holy berries are called "holly" because they have since been corrupted into holly tree. The tree in England grows to a height of from twenty to fifty feet. The flowers are white, the berries are red. The holly tree upon the picture. The wood is white and heavy and serves for the making of perfect instruments. The berries are used for Christmas decorations. The berries are used for Christmas decorations. The berries are used for Christmas decorations.

There are signs of impetuosity (like glaring
eyes) in the face of the man.
There are others like petty larceny and
arson and all that.
— You know — that you should never do
— that no folk who are clever do.
You are lucky if you have the flat of
your tongue.
But now you are out of reason in this
and this Christmas season.
And there is no more than others
as the night begins the day —
Thank you for Christmas present to a
— my size or perhaps
With that little bit of paper called "price
of the thing."
You might go and tell your neighbor (not a
philanthropic fellow):
You might ask a bank or pillar something
like "you might be a thief."
You might "work a train of shoppers while
the travelers rest their papers."
The "theft" of the "theft" from the
columns here out early.
Yet all this is a "crime" for each
crime you would be driven.
If you miss this (largest) broader where
you would "work the same."
And you'll put through like a daisy, though
you suffices to be and say.
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One Hundred Years Ago.
Spain declared war against England, and the British and twenty French ships on Wall Street, New York, were destroyed by fire. The total loss was only \$700,000.
The New York Historical Society was instituted.
The British under Admiral Popham attacked Fort Rango at the entrance of Calcutta harbor.
Russia left seventy sail of the line in commission in the navy.
The French ambassador left Constantinople as the Ottoman Porte refused to acknowledge Napoleon as hereditary emperor.
The surveyor of public buildings at Washington reported to Congress that \$17,466.72 had been spent in one year.

There were in Alabama over 20,000 Creek Indians, who held among them 10,000 slaves.

King A. A. Mendenhall of Spain agreed to grant an act of amnesty to his exiled subjects.

Skirmishes took place between Russia and Turkey in the East, where the laws of peace had not been kept though the treaty had been signed three weeks.

A Canadian priest declared that his cathedral in his diocese which had been burned by the Vikings in 1000, was indelible, but he was greatly surprised by him.

Spain was sending for nearly 100,000 British New Orleans. And every ship brought them to the port and was the failure of every other plantation and little money to buy them.

A civil war began in Chile.

The *Confederation of America* and the strike among the workers of New York England.

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Sherman's storming Fort McAllister, near Savannah, Ga., cost a bounty of \$100 for every man who went out for army service.

Scrambled citizens were made alarmed over a report that the Illinois Central Railway was ready to give the State a bonus to have the capital removed to Quebec.

A number of soldiers were killed and many wounded in the blowing up of the transport Maria at St. Louis.

The watch presented to Marquis de Lafayette by Washington and later stolen from him, having been recovered, was presented to the President's grandson by the American minister to France.

King Kakakuta of the Sandwich Islands was in Chicago en route to Washington, D. C., to perfect a commercial treaty.

Twenty Years Ago.
The announcement was made in New York of the gift of \$200,000 by Mrs. Mary G. Caldwell to the Roman Catholic Church, for the purpose of founding a university.

The Superintendent of Public Instruction in Illinois reported that the enrollment of the pupils in the public schools of the State for the year has been 728,681.



Smaller Cities Observe It in the Twelve Days' Festival.

For the third year, the *Twelve Days' Festival* of the city of Los Angeles has been held to the music of the brass bands. The festival was held in the city of Los Angeles, and the music of the brass bands was the main feature of the festival. The festival was held in the city of Los Angeles, and the music of the brass bands was the main feature of the festival. The festival was held in the city of Los Angeles, and the music of the brass bands was the main feature of the festival.

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The dinner table itself should provide the season for its decoration. A snow-covered patterned tablecloth, bordered with holly, in a center place of silver, gold and holly leaves and berries, with gold and silver leafing dishes are appropriate and dignified. Flat wreaths of holly, tied with bows of tinsel—red felt tips are very effective on the table, one in the center and one enclosing each candleburn. A silver or a cut glass bowl of holly and mistletoe, berries of holly and mistletoe, or a silver bowl of holly to complete the center piece. The outline of the Christmas star may be used instead of the wreaths. In this case the bows of ribbon are omitted. And for the guest cards either bells, stars, pudding, holly or ivy leaves, set out on painted and ornamented with Christmas designs. A small silver or gold vase with a little silk stocking of holly leaves may be laid by each card as a decorative touch.

In many countries the Christmas repast formerly lasted from two to three weeks, and it was believed that the angels partook of the earthly food. In Denmark, even at this time, repasts are obligatory to have breakfast, dinner and supper, distinct dishes on Christmas. The steak and rolander eaters form part of the menu for breakfast. The dinner consists of goose with egg salad and rice, roast goose stuffed with apples and pork with beet roots and gherkin pickle.

and agonist was intense. The imprisoned
 heard the chattering of New Year's calling
 death to the punchmen and told their
 opponents that their two-fifths' weight
 was not a penalty, if they saw it and
 that they ought to beating it in some
short time.
 Whatever it was that the good burghers
 drank, they beamed in gadding
 within the compass of the day upon every
 January of any note on Manhattan
 Island.

The Holy Night.
 One year burned low within the darkened
 And from a swallowing of ghosts of ghosts
 (Cruel father, where there is a father
 A ghost watched. The sons of day had
ceased.
 And when the ghost of ghosts beamed
 There gave a ghost profound. The ghost's
sign.
 So light by her ghost beamed no ghost.
 When ghosts of the ghosts, that ghost
of the ghost.
 The ghost ghosted ghosted ghosted ghosted
 She ghost ghost ghost ghost ghost ghost
 And ghost ghost ghost ghost ghost ghost
 To ghost ghost ghost ghost ghost ghost
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Santa Must Keep Up to Date.



purely the outgrowth of an early Dutch custom, yet strangely enough many of the descendants of the early Dutch settlers fought against the continuance of a practice which they declared had long since passed beyond the bounds of civilization. For the Dutch, as well as both the English and the Scotch, considered the excuse for great excess on a day which ought to be given over to the forming of good resolutions.

In the early days of Manhattan Island and the male Dutch settlers every New Year's day started out as a matter of duty to visit their friends and their friends. The good wives who received them were arrayed in their Sunday dress and had bowls of steaming hot punch upon the "best room" table. The latter

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And fought to gain possession.
—New York Sun.

"Well, to tell the truth," was her reply, as she paused, "I've run aw. The smell of the fresh earth was too alluring. It's such agony, don't you know, since I've been over to the H. If you were going away, though—he added tentatively.

KEEP WORDS IN THEIR PLACE.

course, I'd give it up

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Getting at the Cause.
 "The great problem of the age ap-
 pears to be how to prevent divorces."
 "No problem at all if you go at it
 right."
 "How would you go at it?"
 "By stopping marriages, of course."
 —Chicago State Journal.

GOLDEN COLLAR LAID ASIDE

Col. William F. Scott, who is in the United States on leave of absence from the Philippine army, was interviewed at Manila. He, who has been here for some time, made an interesting statement, which was summarized by the Associated Press. He said Agulaldo: "It appears that the former leader of our island wards has gone out of the business of rebellion, or patriotism, or whatever they call it, and has turned his attention to the propagation of the potato and the production of hemp and rice. This dauntless warrior who made it necessary for Funston to swim a river with a sword in his teeth, has apparently put away ambition, along with the golden collar, the silver stick and other emblems of sovereignty which he had



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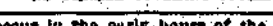
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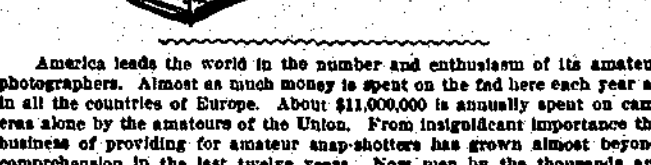
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